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SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN RL EMPLOYEE'S LAWSUIT

REF: MUNICH 899 AND PREVIOUS

1. TWO NEWSMEN, FREE-LANCE JOHN DORNBERG AND BAVARIAN STATE RADIO (BAYERISCHER RUNDFUNK) CORRESPONDENT LANDAU, ATTENDED FIRST HEARING OF FEDOSEEYEV CASE AT MUNICH LABOR COURT MARCH 29. (WE HAD PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ONLY PLAINTIFF, DEFENDANTS AND LEGAL COUNSEL WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND.)
2. RELIABLE SOURCES AT BAYERISCHER RUNDFUNK HAVE TOLD CONGEN PRIVATELY THAT LANDAU PREPARED RADIO NEWS STORY ON MRS. FEDOSEEYEV'S COMPLAINT AND URGED THAT IT BE BROADCAST. EDITORS RESPONSIBLE FOR BAYERISCHER RUNDFUNK'S NEWS BROADCASTS REPORTEDLY DECLINED TO BROADCAST LANDAU'S STORY.
3. IT IS LIKELY THAT LANDAU, AND POSSIBLY DORNBERG, TOO, WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW MRS. FEDOSEEYEV'S CASE. IF SO, SECOND

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